



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: October 16, 2013

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: David Uberto, Regional Manager; Katie Edington, Parke County Director; Pamela Connelly, Vigo County Director; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Heidi Decker, Clay County Director; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Andrea Williams, Vigo County DCS Supervisor

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Diana Newnum, Vermillion County Director; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director

Others in Attendance: Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Mary Yelton, Clay County Literacy Program; Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Matt Gooding, Regional Services Coordinator; Ann Hecht, Rain Tree Consulting; Kelly Hunckler, Gibault; Kay Mitchell, Rain Tree Consulting; Zina Shultz, Rain Tree Consulting; Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau; Emily Owens, Hamilton Center; Lacey Heaton, Wraparound; Beth Gaither, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Christina Hall, Family Court Project, Sullivan County; Janet Daniels, Ireland Home Based Services; Jonathan Straus, Ireland Home Based Services; Kathy Ocampo, Clay and Sullivan County Hamilton Center; Anna Cedars, Family Interventions; Jason Holt, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Jessica Rice, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Ashley Titus, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Penny Bluebaum, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Lesa Turner, Region 8 Nurse Consultant; Becky Malone, CRADLES; Emily Reed, Cummins Behavioral Health; Amanda Bruner, Wraparound intern; Peggy Weber, ISU Department of Social Work; Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, ISU Department of Social Work

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:37 pm

Dave Uberto welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Dave introduced Lesa Turner, Region 8 Nurse Consultant. Minutes were read from the July 17, 2013 meeting. Dave entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Pam Connelly made motion to accept the July 17, 2013 minutes and Katie Edington seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

No update at this time.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Waldrige handed out information through September 30, 2013; 654 referred as of 2013.

Jon Bennett handed out information on allocated funds for Region 8. There is a reserve of \$11,104.00.

Lifeline

Ashley Titus and Beth Gaither spoke about the CRT program at Sarah Scott.

Biennial Strategic Plan

Matt Gooding – They hope to have all RFPs back soon and start negotiations and programs up and running by January. RFP open for Region 8 - DV Batterers and Intervention Services; information can be found on the DCS Website. The Agency will fund 1915I which will start in the next 6 months. Region 8 has already been doing this – thru the wraparound program. Biennial Strategic Plan which includes the Child Protection Plan will need to be completed by the end of the year; the final plan will be presented at the next meeting. A survey was sent out about this if you didn't get one and would like one let Matt know. Dave encourages everyone to take the survey as it is very important.

CRADLES

Becky Malone - presented information on the faith based program. Mary Yelton feels this is a viable option to LEAP. Pam Connelly made motion to allocate \$10,000 of the \$20,000 that was allocated to LEAP and revisit after the first of the year. Heidi Decker seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Wraparound

Lacy Heaton - handed out information through September 2013. There have been 18 referrals during this time and they have served 15 families under prevention funds.

Additional Business

DCS

Jessica Rice - good committed foster parents are needed.

Mike Goodwin – Sullivan County hired a new FCM.

Katie Edington – on October 21st there will be a meeting with Diana Newnum, Katie and Hamilton Center on the Children's Mental Health Program.

Heidi Decker – Clay County is getting a new FCM 2 position.

Pam Connelly - Vigo County has two FCMs graduating on Tuesday. They are also getting a new FCM 2 position. Peer coaches, management and staff are working hard and doing a terrific job.

Thanks to Peggy Weber for her hard work on the MSW program at ISU; she has done such a great job. Tomorrow is the second visit for the accreditation for the program. This program will help attract and keep highly qualified people in our area. Any time you can promote this program please do so.

Pam is trying to find help with locating Universities that will provide technology education to foster families. Indiana University is the only one she has been in contact with at this point.

Judge Bonaventura will be in Region 8 on October 22nd. Thanks to Hamilton Center for setting up the room.

Schedule for 2014 RSC:

January 8

April 16

July 16

October 15

Public testimony will follow immediately after adjournment.

Pam Connelly made motion to adjourn and Katie Edington seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 4:30pm in the second floor training room.